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Lessons Learned Information Sharing *LLIS.gov*

Sharing Information
Enhancing Preparedness
Strengthening Homeland Security

LLIS.gov Community Preparedness Resources

A TOOL FOR ENHANCING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) is a US Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency program. *LLIS.gov* serves as the national, online network of lessons learned, best practices, and innovative ideas for the emergency response and homeland security communities. This information and collaboration resource helps emergency response providers and homeland security officials prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies. *LLIS.gov* provides Federal, State, and local responders with a wealth of information and front-line expertise on effective planning, training, and operational practices across homeland security functional areas.

LLIS.gov at a Glance

- Online since April 19, 2004
- Over 50,000 registered members
- Over 14,000 documents, including more than 1,700 state and local plans, 700 after-action reports, and 900 original content documents
- Secure message boards and collaboration tools
- Targeted information on current homeland security topics

Community Preparedness

Community Preparedness focuses on community, business, and family preparedness and encourages individuals to develop emergency plans for all hazards. In order to cultivate a culture of preparedness, national initiatives, such as Citizen Corps, the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), and the Red Cross, have been leading community preparedness efforts throughout the country. Available resources include emergency response training, preparedness guides and templates, and organizational support to volunteer communities. LLIS.gov has developed this section to share important information about volunteer initiatives, continuity of operations plans, and civilian preparedness.

LLIS.gov needs your help. Active feedback and input from our members enables LLIS.gov's continued expansion and helps us meet the ever-changing needs of the emergency response community. Please take time to improve your community: submit After-Action Reports, Practice Notes, Lessons Learned, plans, templates, strategies, and other relevant information.

Submit Lessons Learned and Innovative Practices Submit Plans, After-Action Reports, and Other Documents Email Comments, Experiences, and Observations

DOCUMENT AND RESOURCE LIBRARY

Volunteer and Donations Management

- Minnesota Emergency Management Director's Handbook: Volunteer Resource Coordination Program
- Maximizing Spontaneous Volunteers in Times of Disaster: The Synergy of Structure and Good Intentions
- Citizen Corps Councils: Creating a Volunteer Directory
- Citizen Corps Councils: Managing Volunteers during Shelter Operations
- Hurricane Katrina and Rita: Unprecedented Challenges Exposed the Individual and Household Program to Fraud and Abuse: Actions Needed to Reduce Such Problems in the Future

Faith-Based and Community Organizations

- Community Preparedness: Developing a Contact List of Faith-Based Organizations
- Issues of Worship, Mitigation & Preparedness: The Importance of Coastal Storm Readiness in New York City Faith Communities
- Faith-Based and Community Organizations Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Checklist

Related Topics

- Hurricane Preparedness
- Disabilities and Special Needs
- Mass Evacuation
- School Emergency Planning

Recent News

- CVMF Offers Tips on Emergency Preparedness for Pets, PR Web (press release) - Farnfield, WA (4 May 2009)
- Emergency drill in Malaga helps residents prepare for deadly virus, Arbury Park Press - Arbury Park, NJ (4 May 2009)
- Region could bounce back faster after disaster, Charleston Post Courier - Charleston, SC (4 May 2009)

Community Emergency Response and Recovery

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

The *LLIS.gov* Community Preparedness page focuses on community, business, and family preparedness and encourages individuals to develop personal emergency plans. The page includes links to other related topics on *LLIS.gov*, recent news stories, a list of upcoming events, and information on Citizen Corps. Intended for emergency planners and managers, the Community Preparedness page provides guidance on getting citizens involved in emergency management and homeland security and other documents related to community preparedness topics, such as:

- Animals in disasters;
- Community emergency response and recovery;
- Community outreach programs;
- Faith-based and community organizations; and
- Volunteer and donations management.

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DOCUMENTS ON LLIS.GOV

The Community Preparedness page offers guidance documents, *LLIS.gov* original content, and other information relating to community preparedness, including:

- Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness 7-Day Survival Kit;
- Fact Sheet: Ready Campaign Information for People with Disabilities and Older Americans;
- Fiscal Year 2009 Urban Areas Security Initiative Nonprofit Security Grant Program: Guidance and Applications Kit;
- Flooding and Schools;
- Mass Evacuation: Planning for the Evacuation of Special Needs Populations;
- Ready Campaign Information for Pet Owners;
- Web 2.0 Use in Disasters; and
- Shelter Operations: Encouraging Volunteers to Complete American Red Cross Training (Lesson Learned).

For more information on *LLIS.gov* or to register, please go to www.llis.gov.

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